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Building Faces Wrecking Ball. So Does Couples' Friendship: A long friendship between two couples, all four of whom are well-known architects, is under stress after one couple recommended razing a museum designed by the other pair...In architectural circles, the debate has gone beyond a discussion of the personal relationships to questions of design integrity...By Robin Pogrebin -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects-

Bulgarian Architects' State-Sponsored Whimsy: An architect who studied abroad came home to Bulgaria, where he joined with others to enliven the city of Sofia with whimsical, low-cost public art projects...Recently, the city hired Transformers to assist other groups in creating Sofia's entry in the Mayor's Challenge, a design competition sponsored by Bloomberg Philanthropies... -- Delcho Delchev; Valeri Gyurov [links to images]- New York Times

Call for entries: AIA SPP Small Project Competition: The Pop-up Project (international): re-imagine the standard farmer's market canopy pop-up booth; deadline: March 21- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Some Brits Not Ready To Say 'Ta-Ra' To Iconic Telephone Box-

Geelong Library and Heritage Centre by ARM Architecture set to be a local landmark-

A tale of Barangaroo's boom and bust-

Kathryn Findlay, architect, 1953-2014: ...[she] was never quite going to be a mainstream architect. Yet...she was one of the (still few) great women architects of the modern age...self-deprecating and witty...acked the arrogance architects seem to require to become stars. But she had the talent and tenacity that could have merited greater success and wider acclaim If it is more common to see successful women architects now than it was 20 years ago, Findlay and her generation cleared the ground. But it was tough going.

By Edwin Heathcote-

Collective Design Fair Heads to Moynihan Station for Its Second Installment
Collective 2 will take place in the 60,000-square-foot midtown McKim, Mead, and White-designed landmark May 8 through Sunday May 11, 2014-

Rebuild radiant architecture

One feature of the Syrian society is the coexistence of many different religions. Christians have always lived next to Muslims here, mosques were built near to churches with a peaceful harmony,
writes Marwa Al-Sabouni in Homs.-

30 of the World's Most Impressive Social Housing Projects - Best MSW Programs

Call for entries: 1st mantownhuman Architecture & Design Summer School: Critical Subjects: held in five leading architectural offices in London July 13-19; open to university/college students of architecture, engineering, design, urbanism or related subject; application deadline: May 13- mantownhuman (UK)

Why China Loves to Hate Its Newest Skyscraper, Shaped Like a Giant Gold Doughnut
-- Joseph di Pasquale-

Ljubljana Invites a Vocal Critic to Radicalize Its Design Biennial-

Call for entries: Deborah J. Norden Fund 2014 travel and study grants; applicants must reside in, but need not be citizens of, the U.S., Canada, or Mexico; deadline: April 17- Architectural League of New York

Erasing memory in downtown Beirut: Has the redevelopment of the city's former hub eroded its history and privatized its future? ... the once vibrant old city was reconstructed, not to be used by the Lebanese residents, but as a spectacle to attract foreigners..."Now it's a kind of no man's land for rich people."
Even for the few whose properties were spared by the bulldozers, Solidere has made the price of holding on very high.- The Beirut Report / Al Jazeera magazine

Holey moley! Architecture's trend for cutting holes in buildings

Lucky coins, a Tetris stack and a ferris wheel 500m up in the air ... take a look at the buildings around the world with holes right through them
By Oliver Wainwright-

John C. Anderson Apartments, LGBT-friendly and urban-friendly
a stylish new residence cloaked in charcoal brick and pumpkin panels that caters to low-income seniors who are gay...only the third of its type in the U.S.
may be a pioneer of its type, but it's also an old-fashioned urban building that fills its lot, comes proudly to the street line, and uses plenty of glass to connect to the life of the city
open to any eligible senior

By Inga Saffron -- Joe Salerno/WRT-

Lisa Diedrich: European landscape architecture-

Eight teams shortlisted for International Financial Center in Rublyovo-Arkhangelskoye...a 460ha mixed-use development project located in "New Moscow"-

Moscow comp-

Designing with nature

THE ironic thing these days about attaining a structure that sustainably comes close to nature is you first need to be ready to spend a lot. This is because a sustainable building is built with pricy materials that most often have to be imported from many parts of the world.

But Arch. Mike Guerrero, chairman of Green Architecture Advocacy Philippines and managing partner of Asian Architects, advocates through his regular talks all over the Philippines that all the materials and resources you need to design an environment-friendly edifice are already made available right on the land you are working on.-

Stage Center: OKC planners recommend denying application for razng of old theater
Oklahoma City planners are recommending denial of an application to demolish downtown's Stage Center to make way for a new OG&E headquarters due to the existing building's "groundbreaking design."
By Steve Lackmeyer-

Glory of Spangen Social Housing Complex Restored
By Thomas Wensing-

Call for entries/Expressions of Interest/EOI: UK Pavilion Milan Expo 2015 Design Competition: Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life; (international, 2-stage); EOI deadline: February 19- Malcolm Reading Consultants

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Michael Sorkin Proposal Sites Obama Presidential Library in Chicago's Woodlawn Neighborhood-

GBL Architects one of four winners in ReGEN Boston International Housing Design Competition-

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